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1. Gholam Hoseyn Mossadeq, son of the Iranian Prime Minister, in describing his "recent" visit to Iraq, Syria, and Lebanon, [ ]   25X1

    . "As a result of my association with high officials in Iraq, Syria, and Lebanon, I felt that:

    a. the United States Government favors a coup d'état in Iran. The United States has decided not to support my father any longer;

    b. there is a possibility of a joint British-American-backed coup in Iran. The Soviets, however, would not tolerate this and a division of Iran into spheres of influence might result;

    c. the American oil trusts, which have President Eisenhower in their hands, will not allow the United States Government to settle the oil problem on more than a fifty-fifty basis;

    d. my prestige in the countries which I visited has increased, whereas Mullah Kashani's has declined."

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2. Prime Minister Mossadeq [ ] in a private conversation that the death of Stalin had revealed the weakness of the Soviet Union to the West and had indirectly weakened Iran's position with the United States; that the Americans, knowing of the Soviet weakness, now may stand firm in their relations with Iran.

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